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RAJYA SABHA

Permission to land USA aircraft at Indian airports

†1247. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have taken any decision to allow USA for landing their fighter aircraft F-16 at Indian airports; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Indo-Russia defence interaction

1248. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the joint development and production of sophisticated weapon systems and arms would be the new sector in Indo-Russia defence interaction;

(b) whether Russia has also agreed to offer India a stake in the joint development and production of the fifth generation multi role fighters to compete with U.S.;

(c) if so, the details of the projects which would be set up in India in joint-collaboration;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.